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For: METHOD OF ESTIMATING THE PITCH OF A

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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 9, 2004 (Paper No. 20041202), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.